

REMARKS

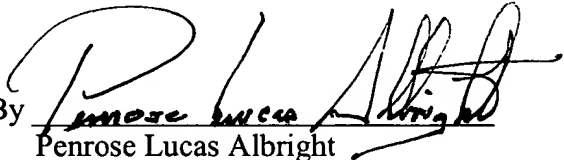
This is in supplement to the Amendment filed September 2, 2003 and in view of the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of September 17, 2003. In the latter paper, it was stated that a complete listing of all of the claims was not present. This appears to be in error inasmuch as on page 3 of the previous Amendment dated September 2, 2003, Claims 1-4, 13 and 19 were listed as cancelled, Claims 5-12, 14-18 and 20-24 were listed as previously presented and Claims 25-30 were listed as new. This, which was a listing of all claims, appears to follow the sample Amendment provided with the Revised Amendment Practice, 37 CFR §1.121 changed effective July 30, 2003. However, in discussing this with the Patent Examiner of the instant Application, the undersigned was advised that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office now desires a clean version of all claims other than those cancelled.

In reviewing the uncanceled claims, it was found that they might be improved by minor corrections and changes. Accordingly, by this Supplemental Amendment all of the prior claims have been cancelled and new claims in clean form are submitted herewith. In addition, the order of the claims has been modified whereby they are considered to be in a more logical sequence considering the Restriction Requirement imposed in this case. Thus Claims 31-34 respectively correspond to prior Claims 21-24. Claims 35-54 correspond to prior Claims 1-12, 29, 14-18, 30 and 20 respectively. Accordingly, the Group I claims correspond to new Claims 31-44. The Group II claim corresponds to Claim 45. The Group III claims correspond to Claims 46-49 and the Group IV claims correspond to Claims 50-54. Except for a correlation of the cancelled claims for the new claims, the remarks on pages 6-10 of the Amendment filed September 2, 2003 remain applicable.

It is considered that, by this Supplemental Amendment, the objection set forth in the official communication of September 17, 2003 has been overcome. However, if any problems still remain, it is requested that the undersigned be called to ensure that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received the claims in the instant Application in a manner which conforms with the revised amendment practice effective July 30, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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